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From the Yankee Farmer.

THE GRAIN WORM.

This insect is sometimes called wheat fly, and frequently, though improperly, the weevil. The weevil destroys grain in the granary; the wheat fly, or rather grain fly, lays eggs between the hull and kernel of wheat, and sometimes other grain, while the kernel is very small, usually when the grain is in blossom, and the worms destroy the kernel by feeding upon the milk or juices which should nourish it. This is the most destructive to the crops of the farmer of all the class of depredators. He feeds mostly on that grain on which we principally depend for the staff of life. The damage done by these insects in this country for only a few years past, is very great. Much less injury was done in the State of Maine, last season, than was apprehended at the time they were committing their ravages; and yet it is generally allowed that one tenth of the wheat crop was destroyed. We suppose that the whole wheat crop was as much as 1,500,000 bushels, then one ninth, which is one tenth of what the whole would have been without injury, is 166,666 bushels, which at \$2, the present price, would make the enormous sum of \$333,332 lost in one year by only one State. This should arouse every farmer to the importance of learning every possible remedy against this formidable enemy, to give the most diligent attention to the habits of these insects, and be industrious and exact in making experiments; for their destruction, or to prevent their ravages, and when he learns any thing that is useful, he should communicate it to the public.

We do not now introduce this subject for the purpose of describing this common foe, or prescribing a remedy, many have been prescribed, but none that are generally relied on—but we wish to call the attention of our readers to it and excite inquiry, that more light may be thrown upon it. A few months ago we published the following resolve of the Kennebec County Agricultural Society, we now republish it, as it is on a very important subject, and this number of the Farmer will have an extensive circulation where it was not read before. We hope that every individual who sees this article, that can give any useful information on the subject, will communicate it for the benefit of the community, though he may not give all that information required to entitle him to the premiums offered. In addition to the following premiums, we offer ten dollars in the Yankee Farmer, past, present, or future volumes, and five dollars in garden seeds.

[From the Maine Farmer.]

At the semi-annual meeting of the Kennebec County Agricultural Society, held in Winthrop on the 30th day of August last, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

As apathy may be injurious, if not criminal, in an affair where the staff of life is concerned, therefore,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Kennebec County Agricultural Society be requested to offer a premium of ten dollars to the person, wherever he may reside, who shall produce, in writing, directed to them, the most satisfactory history of the insects called "grain worms," which have of late been so injurious to the grain in many places, describing when and in what shape they first appear—where from—their several metamorphoses, and how their changes take place, with their appearances during the several stages or changes—in what stage of their existence they do the most injury, and how they do it. Whether they effect any harm after the grain is harvested and threshed, where they are lodged, in what state or condition in the cold part of the season, or winter—where in the day or night time during the season when they do the most injury, together with the most satisfactory mode of putting an end to their depredations.

Also, whether the application of lime, ashes, or any other material to the grain or blade, while growing, is or may be useful, and if so, particularly as to the time and manner of its application. Whether late or early sowing grain is most likely to be injured by them, with the best mode of preparing the seed and land to prevent injury. Whether they do most injury in low or high land, and the reason of the difference, if any there be. No premium is to be awarded unless a majority of the Trustees shall apprehend that some one is entitled to it by producing something useful. Said Trustees are requested to publish the foregoing resolve in the Maine Farmer, with the time and manner said communications are to be made known to them, and to make known the whole of said communication to this society at some future meeting.

In pursuance to the foregoing Resolution,

the Trustees offer a premium of Ten Dollars upon the terms therein stated. The communications upon this subject to be addressed to them at Winthrop, before the first day of February next, that they may be examined and the premium awarded at the next annual meeting. The several communications to be at the disposal of the Society, and the information contained to be given to the public, shall be deemed most useful, by the Society.

SAM'L P. BERSON,
NATHAN FOSTER,
OAKES HOWARD, Trustees.

Winthrop, Nov. 1, 1837.

In addition to the above premium of ten dollars, offered by the Kennebec County Agricultural Society, the publisher of the Maine Farmer will add Ten Dollars, to be paid in volumes of the Farmer, consisting of the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th vols. neatly bound.

N. B. It is hoped that the above will be published in every newspaper in the State.

MORAL BEAUTIES OF NEW ENGLAND. It is our moral associations that must bind us forever to the land of our fathers. It is a land of equal rights; its soil is not polluted by a slave. It is a land of religious freedom: no hierarchy can here exalt its head, no pontiff can hurl his thunders over a trembling and prostrate multitude. It is a land of industry and toil; affording in this a constant pledge of the many virtues. It is a land of knowledge and progressive improvement. In no part of the world is so liberal a provision made by law for public instruction. It is a land whose inhabitants have already fulfilled the high duties to which they have been called. Other nations have gathered more laurels in the field of blood; other nations have twined more garlands, and sung louder praises for their poets and orators and philosophers; but where has romantic courage and adventurous skill been more strikingly exhibited?—Where has practical wisdom been better displayed? In the hour of danger, her sons have been foremost in the battle. In every contest for the rights of mankind, her voice has always been raised on the side of freedom. And now that she stands possessed of every thing which civil and political liberty can bestow, she is vigilant and jealous for the preservation of her rights, and is among the first to resist encroachment.

[Haven's Remains.]

MISTAKES OF PARENTS. There is a mistaken notion in the minds of many parents, that a little ardent spirit is not only harmless, but necessary for children, that it is an antidote against worms and many other diseases incident to the young. The ablest physicians our country can boast have irrefragably demonstrated that they are not only not beneficial to man, at any period of life, much less so in youth, but that they are highly detrimental to health, and sow the seeds of divers diseases and maladies, which prematurely destroy life. Is there any parent who has any regard for his character, who, if he were to know for certainty, that his son would be a drunkard, would not rather follow him to the grave, than to have him live to be such a detestable character? Hear then the voice of warning. Train up your children without the use of rum. Set before them the horrid evils it entails upon human beings, and when they become old they will have abundant cause to bless the father that begat and the mother that sustained them.

THE HAPPY MINER.

"There's danger in the mines, old man." I asked of an aged miner, who, with his arms bent, leaned against the side of the immense vault absorbed in meditation—"must be a fearful life."

The old man looked at me with a steadfast, but somewhat vacant stare, and then in halting sentences he uttered—"Danger—where is there not—on the earth or beneath it—in the mountain or in the valley—on the ocean or in the quiet of nature's most hidden spot—where is there not danger?—where has not death left some token of his presence?" "True," I replied, "but the vicissitudes of life are various; the sailor seeks his living on the waters, and he knows each moment that they may engulf him—the hunter seeks death in the wild woods—and the soldier in the battle field—and the miner knows not but the spot where he now stands to-morrow may be his tomb."

"It is so, indeed," replied the old man—"we find death in the means we seek to perpetuate life—is a strange riddle—who shall solve it?" "Have you long followed this occupation?" I asked, somewhat struck with the old man's manner.

"From a boy—I drew my first breath in the mines—I shall yield it up in their gloom." "You have seen some of those vicissitudes," said I, "to which you have just now alluded." "Yes," he replied, with a faltering voice, "There was a time that three tall boys looked up to me and called me father. They were sturdy striplings! Now it seems but yesterday they stood before me so proud in their strength—and I filled to with a father's vanity. But the Lord chasteneth the proud heart. Where are they now? I saw the

youngest—he was dearest of the flock—his mother's spirit seemed to have settled on him—crushed at my feet a bleeding mass. We were together—so near that his hot blood sprung up into my face. Molten lead had been less lasting than those fearful drops. One moment and his light laugh was in my ears; the next, and the large mass came;—there was no cry—no look of terror—but the transition to eternity was as the lightning's flash—and my poor boy lay crushed beneath the fearful load. It was an awful moment—but time that change in all things brought relief—and I had still two sons. But my cup of affliction was not yet full. They too were taken from me. Side by side they died—not as their brother—but the fire damp caught their breath, and left them scorched and lifeless. They brought them home to the old man—his fair jewels—than whom earth's richest treasures in his sight had no price—and told him he was childless and alone. It is a strange decree that the old plant should thus survive she stripping things it shaded, and for whom it would have died a thousand times. Is it surprising that I should wish to die here in the mines?"

"You have indeed," I replied, "drank of affliction. Whence did you derive consolation?"

The old man looked up—"From heaven—God gave and he hath taken away—blessed be his name. I bowed my head to the miner's pious prayer—and the old man passed on."

NIAGARA.

A Washingtonian who took a trip to the Falls last season, thus speaks of the effect upon his feelings:

"The effect upon the feelings, of this gigantic prodigy of nature (the falls), may not be easily described. I have frequently read of the sentiment of his own nothingness which it excites in the beholder. With me it had no such effect, I felt as if in the immediate presence of the great Creator—his heavenly bow of peace and beauty hanging over the vapory tribute of the waters. My mind was filled with ideas of immensity and power, and my soul seemed divested of its load of earth, and hovering in contemplation towards the great source of existence—material and intellectual—at whose word the seas were filled with waters, waters with the finny brood—the shell-fish and the leviathan—and the earth covered with verdure, forests and fruits. He, who before the wild savage wandered in pursuit of game upon these rocky cliffs, commanded this flood to thunder and foam—unfettered, unchanged, unabated, from age to age—created not man, in all the mysteries of his elevated nature, for a transitory existence. No—when the stars shall cease to hang in nightly splendor over this scene—when the tints of the rainbow shall fade upon its bosom—when the blackened walls which surround it shall be molten, and flow like the stream at their base—the glorious intelligence, which can see Deity through the grandeur of his works of sublimity and awe, shall survive to behold Omnipotence face to face, and to glory in the enjoyment of Him above, whose being and whose nature it could appreciate, love and reverence here below. Elevated to such feelings by even the comparatively feeble picture before me, of His attributes of power and goodness—so thought I, and so I felt at Niagara—for my soul could only contain this absorbing sentiment—The Creator, God—is here!"

PUBLIC MEN. "The trait that I have observed in you," added the Frenchman with a smile, "most prejudicial to your chances of distinction is that you are too philosophical, too apt to cut down all the exertions that interfere with the indulgence of cultivated leisure. And you must not suppose, Maltravers, that an active career will be a path of roses. At present you have no enemies; but the moment you attempt distinctions you will be abused, calumniated, reviled. You will be shocked at the wrath you excite, and sigh for your old obscurity, and consider, as Franklin has it, that 'you have paid too dear for the whistle.' But in return for individual enemies, what a noble recompense have made the public itself your friend perhaps even posterity your admirer. Besides," added de Montaigne, with almost a religious solemnity in his voice, "there is a conscience of the head as well as the heart, and in old age we feel as much remorse, if we have wasted our natural talents, as we have perverted our natural virtues. The profound and exultant satisfaction with which a man feels that he has not lived in vain—that he has entailed on the world an heirloom of instruction or delight—looks back upon departed struggles as one of the happiest emotions of which the conscience can be capable. What indeed are the petty faults we commit as individuals, affecting but a narrow circle, ceasing with our own life, to the incalculable and everlasting good we may produce, as public men, by one book or one law. Depend upon it that the Almighty who sums up all the good and all the evil done by his creatures in a just balance, will not judge the august benefactors of the world with the same severity as those drones of society who have no great services to show in the internal ledger as a set off to the indulgence of their small vices. These

things, rightly considered, Maltravers, you will have every inducement that can tempt a jolly mind and a pure ambition to awaken from the voluptuous indolence of the literary Sybarite—and contend worthily in the world's wide Alibi for a great prize.—Bulwer.

ANECDOTE OF THE LATE SIR EDMUND NAGLE. When a young man, travelling in a post chaise up Shooter's hill, a highwayman rode up, presented a pistol into the window and demanded money or life. Sir Edmund, then a very athletic man, seized the arm of the ruffian, twisted the pistol from it, dragged him through the window, and placing him beside him to keep him quiet, ordered the post boy to drive on. The humble supplications of the highwayman were answered with "Be easy, boy, be easy, I won't hurt ye." Still the conscience stricken robber kept pleading till at length the chaise reached the captain's lodgings, when he handed the fellow out of the coach, walked him up to a garret, and locked themselves in. He then took off his own coat and said, "Now sir, I neither mean to hang ye, but I'll just give you a broth of a bating," which having accomplished, he opened the door, bade the robber be off, and next time he stopped a coach, to rap at the window and ask if Pat Nagle was inside, before he ventured to poke his pistol into it.

NEWSPAPERS. The Honorable Judge Longstreet says, "Small is the sum required to patronize a newspaper, and amply remunerated is the patron. I care not how humble and unpretending is the gazette he takes.—It is next to impossible to fill a sheet fifty-two times a year without putting into it something that is worth the subscription price."

Every parent, whose son is off from him at school, should supply him with a newspaper. I well remember what a marked difference there was between those of my school-mates who had, and others who had not access to newspapers. Other things equal, the first was always decidedly superior to the last, in debate and composition at least. The reason is plain: they had command of more facts. A newspaper is a history of current events as well as a copious and interesting miscellany which youths will peruse with delight when they will read nothing else.

A father of an interesting family residing near Detroit, stopped the only paper he had ever allowed himself or family, and solely on the ground that he could not afford the expense. This man chews up fourteen dollars and sixty cents worth of tobacco every year. "Education is a better safeguard for liberty than a standing army. If we renege the wages of the schoolmaster; we must raise the wages of the recruiting sergeant."

Edward Everett.

PRESENCE OF MIND—BUSINESS HABITS.—Mr. John K. Simpson, who received such a severe contusion in the head the other day by the upsetting of an omnibus in South Boston, that it was not thought he could long survive, without stopping to make complaints of pain, or even waiting for the wound to be dressed, called for pen, ink, and paper, drew up his will with as much regularity and precision as if nothing had happened. "There was no doubt at the time but his skull was fractured; but it was afterwards ascertained that such was not the fact, and he is now out of danger. It requires a man of sterling business habits to transact business matters with so much composure when he considers himself hanging, as it were, upon the threshold of eternity. Even Stephen Girard himself quailed when the grim tyrant stared him full in the face.—Boston Times.

CONSOLATION FOR LETTER WRITERS.—The following astonishing fact is mentioned in the report of the postmaster general namely, that the number of dead letters returned to the General Post Office, is 9000,000, annually.

How many are thus exculpated from the curses heaped upon them for dereliction of penmanship. How many indicators of fond epistles that anxiously awaited for responses till "hope deferred" engendered cold indifference and bitter resentment, may herein find a clue to the mysterious causes, which either nipped in the bud or afterwards interrupted a cherished correspondence. How many heart-broken swains that found their plighted vows apparently scorned with contumely, may thus learn clarity and forbearance.—New York Star.

INSULT TO THE QUEEN.—A monomaniac, by the name of John Good, late a Captain in the 10th Hussars, had committed a gross outrage on the little Queen, which is the most exciting incident of the papers. Her Majesty was passing in the open carriage to Buckingham Palace, when Good suddenly sprang to the side of her carriage, and, holding up his fist in a threatening manner, made use of obscene language, and with an oath designated her Majesty by the most opprobrious epithet that can be applied to a female, adding, "and I'll have you off your throne and your mother too." He then ran off. Her Majesty did not appear to feel any alarm, and the carriage proceeded. Good was soon apprehended, and during his

examination continually interrupted the witnesses, saying, "he did not care a d—n what they said about him; he was King of England, King John the Second, and that the present was the eighth year of his reign." He imagines himself to be the son of George IV and his Queen Caroline. He had played off some of his cantrips before this affair, and had been brought up two or three times at various police offices always asserting his royal birth and pretensions to the throne. He was committed as insane.

Impartiality.—Some people consider themselves impartial, because, instead of adopting any new errors, they merely adhere to their old ones; as old men think they add all fashions in dress, by always sticking to one.

Cherry Tree Gum.—The gum that exudes from the trunk and branches of a cherry tree is said to be equal to gum arabic. Hesselquist relates that during a siege more than one hundred men were kept alive for two months nearly, without any other sustenance than a little of this gum taken into the mouth sometimes and suffered gradually to dissolve.—English paper.

Women's praise of each other.—Women, when they praise each other, extol the good sense of the beautiful and the charms of the homely; they laud the voice of the peacock and the plumage of the nightingale.

Again.—The tender soul of woman seeks, like the bee, buds and blossoms; men, on the other hand, like the wasp, nothing but fruit.

ANCIENT AGRICULTURE.

From the earliest accounts of the eastern nations, we have reason to think that agriculture has at all times, been understood by them in considerable perfection; seeing they were always supplied not only with the necessities, but the luxuries of life. As soon as the descendants of Abraham were settled in Palestine, they generally became husbandmen, from the chief of the tribes Judah to the lowest branch of the family of Benjamin. High birth or rank at that time did not make any distinction, for agriculture was considered as the most honorable of all employments. Witness the illustrious example of Gideon, Saul, and David.

The Chaldeans, who inhabited the country where agriculture doubtless had its birth, carried that art to a degree of excellence unknown in former times. They cultivated their soil with great care, and found out some means of restoring fertility to an exhausted soil, by having plentiful harvests in succession, and they were not obliged like their predecessors, to change situations to obtain a sufficiency for themselves and their numerous flocks and herds. The Egyptians, who, from the natural fertility of their country, by the overflowing of the Nile, raised every year vast quantities of corn, were so sensible of the blessings resulting from agriculture that they ascribed the invention of that art to Osiris, the chief God. They also regarded Isis, their second deity, as the discoverer of wheat and barley, which before grew wild in the fields. Their superstitious gratitude was carried so far, as to worship those animals that was employed in tillage; and even to the produce of their hands, as leeks, onions, &c.

It is also related of the ancient Persians, on the most respectable authority, that their kings laid aside their grandeur once every month, to eat with husbandmen. This is a striking instance of the high estimation which they held agriculture. It was a saying of theirs, that he who sows the ground with care and diligence, acquires a greater degree of religious merit, than he could have gained by the repetition of ten thousand prayers.

From the Eastern Argus.

SYNOPSIS OF THE WAR REPORT.

The Florida war is the first subject treated of. The Secretary goes into a detailed account of the causes which have operated to defer the consummation of the war to this late period. He compliments the bravery of our troops. Want of experience on the part of some of the officers, and the employment of drafted men or volunteers, have rendered the war more expensive than it otherwise would have been.

Every department of the staff of the army requires to be augmented.

The Quartermaster's Department requires not only some enlargement, but the addition of higher grades, to render it adequate to the duties required of it. The deficiency in the number of officers provided for this service has been sensibly felt from the commencement of our late border disturbances. The Department of the Adjutant General is entirely inadequate to perform its appropriate duties, and it is recommended that it be enlarged so as to supply assistant adjutants general to each division and department of the army. Since the establishment of the Commissariat of Subsistence, great regularity and economy have been introduced in furnishing the supplies of the army—but in order to render it more complete an addition of at least four officers to the present establishment is recommended.

An immediate increase of the corps of topographical engineers is recommended. The extensive range of duties which have of late years

devolved on this corps, renders its increase a matter of necessity as well as of economy. It is physically impracticable, as the corps is now constituted, to obey the injunctions of Congress, and in consequence it has been found necessary to employ about thirty civil engineers. The duties of this corps require the combined knowledge of militia and engineers, and members of it should always accompany armies in the field. The Secretary also says that the employment of the topographical engineers of the army by States and incorporated companies is a disadvantage to the government, and should be dispensed with for the future, which it may easily be now, as the demand for civil engineers has created them. The commander of the army of the south says emphatically, in a late communication to the Adjutant General:

"Had the topographical engineers been employed in their appropriate duties in Florida only one year in the sixteen since we have obtained possession of the country, from two to three millions of dollars might have been saved in the expenditures of the war."

The Secretary recommends that—

"There be created a staff corps, to consist of one brigadier general, chief of the staff, six colonels, six lieutenant colonels, eight majors, twenty captains, and twenty first lieutenants, who shall exercise all the functions, and perform all the duties at present exercised and performed by the Quartermaster General, Adjutant General, Inspectors General, Commissary General of Subsistence, and their assistants, and also by the topographical engineers; and that the Commissary of Purchases, and the medical staff of the army, be attached to the said staff corps, thus uniting under one head a homogeneous body sufficiently numerous to ensure promotion within itself, create an esprit de corps, excite emulation and keep alive hope."

Also—"The addition of three regiments of infantry, and that the companies both of artillery and infantry should be increased to sixty-four rank and file, with authority vested in the President to augment their number, not exceeding one hundred men, whenever the exigencies of the country may require it."

This increase of the rank and file, and staff of the army here recommended, by which its efficiency would be greatly augmented, and its administration rendered much more economical has become necessary, independently of the causes assigned, from our greatly extended frontier, from the number and description of our maritime fortresses, and from the large body of Indians which the humane and enlightened policy pursued by the Government towards that people has concentrated upon our western borders.

In 1821, when the army was reduced to 6,127 men, the extent of our frontier did not exceed 6,373 miles. It is now 8,500 miles, and most of our principal harbors and bays have been fortified by extensive works, and the Indians concentrated upon the western line, so as to present a front of not less than 45,000 warriors.

"The protection due by the Government to the inhabitants of this extensive and exposed portion of our country would require a much larger force than is here proposed, if its safety were made to depend entirely upon the regular army; and I would respectfully recommend the construction of a chain of permanent fortresses along that line, and a competent organization of the militia of the frontier states, as important and necessary auxiliaries for this purpose. If any danger is to be apprehended from an army of fifteen thousand men scattered along a frontier of more than 8,000 miles, and commanded by officers educated to reverence the laws and cherish the freedom of their country, it is effectually to be guarded against by a proper organization of the militia. Their aggregate force is now little short of a million and a half men, and whatever may be their efficiency against a foreign enemy, they may always be relied upon when the liberties of the country are assailed."

The measures of defence for the border settlements, will be fully treated in answer to a call of Congress for information on that subject.

The report of the Chief Engineer shows that some further increase of this corps is rendered necessary, from the great accumulation of public works confided to its charge. It is recommended that those graduates from West Point who are deemed adequate, should alone be added to this corps, and that its officers be placed on the same footing as those of the cavalry of the United States. The appointment of an inspector of fortifications, with the rank of colonel whose duty it shall be, under the orders of the Chief Engineer, to make regular and systematic inspections of all the fortifications and public works under the superintendence of that officer, is also recommended.

The very important work of deepening the channel at the mouth of the Mississippi has not yet been commenced—every thing was in readiness to enter on the work about the middle of December, but at the recommendation of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, the whole matter was submitted to a Board of Engineers, consisting of Col. Totten, Col. Thayer and Capt. Chase, who have required further preliminary surveys, in order to enable them to form a correct opinion as to the character of the works most likely to be successful in improving the navigation of the mouths of this river. The operations on the great raft, in the Red river, closed on the 25th of May, for want of funds, with the exception of one boat, which worked until the end of June. During the season, 12 miles and a half of this dense mass of wood have been removed. The part now remaining, being four hundred and forty yards in length, was formed by the freshet of 1836, and the expense of removing it is estimated at \$50,000. Par-

ties are now making the required examinations for the military road along the western frontier ordered by the act of July 2, 1836, and as soon as they are completed, and the sites for permanent post determined upon, the survey and works for opening the road designated by Congress, will be commenced, unless otherwise ordered.

Charleston harbor has received the attention of the Department, and a plan for protecting Sullivan's Island from the encroachments of the sea has received its approval. The ordinance corps, organized in 1832, requires some enlargement, in order to render it efficient. The public interest will be promoted by the addition of two majors and ten first lieutenants. But, above all, this branch of the service demands the creation, by law, of a mixed board of artillery and ordnance, to be composed of officers of rank and experience, to digest a general system of ordnance and small arms for the use of the United States.

The establishment of a National Foundry, is again recommended, and the erection of a manufactory of small arms west of the Allegheny mountains. The sale of the lead mines belonging to the United States, is deemed expedient. The Secretary recommends that the disbursements to the Indians be made through civil officers, instead of, as heretofore, the military, and that a more liberal compensation be given to agents and interpreters—and also that the business connected with the investment of funds belonging to the Indians be transferred to the Treasury Department. The several Indian treaties which have been made are referred to—they have been of an advantageous character to the U. States. Of the propriety of persevering in the system of removing the Indians beyond the evil influences which surround them within the States and Territories, and which were fast working their destruction there can be no doubt. The report of the superintendents represent the early emigrants as living in comfort and abundance, and improving in the useful arts; and hopes may now be entertained of the preservation of the aboriginal inhabitants of this continent, and of their gradual civil civilization.

The report of the Commissioner of Pensions shows the probable increase of the disbursements for the ensuing year, raising the estimation from \$1,503,936 to \$2,532,139, principally from the operation of the third section of the law of the 4th of July, 1836.

Some legal organization for the purpose of establishing a fund for the support of invalid officers and soldiers and the widows and children of such of them as may die in the service, is recommended, as is also a moderate increase of pay to soldiers, non-commissioned officers of the artillery and infantry of the United States from the rank of second lieutenants to that of lieutenant colonel.

The whole amount required under the provisions of the act of the 3d March, 1837, for purchasing suitable sites for hospitals on the Western rivers and lakes, will be \$39,968, being an excess over and above the sum appropriated, of \$24,968.

From the Eastern Argus.

HISTORY SET RIGHT.

The federalists have had much to say about the "experiments," and "specie-humbugs" of the past and present administrations—but in all they have said there has been very little of truth. If the reader is anxious to know something of the fruits of GEN. JACKSON'S "experiments," we desire that he will read with attention the following extract from a speech by Mr. Senator Benton, on a bill relative to the Banks in the District of Columbia; and to the passing within the District of the miserable *skin-plasters* which the federalists are for substituting for *hard money*, and which constitutes the currency which they are laboring to fasten on the community. Mr. Benton deals in facts—facts which will arrest the attention of the people, and secure their approbation for the hard money policy of Presidents JACKSON and VAN BUREN.

Mr. Benton said that General Jackson and his friends had been the subjects of many attempts at wit, for what was called their experiments on the currency, and he presumed that many had repeated that phrase, without precisely knowing what those experiments were. To all such he had a little information to give; and that was, to show them what those experiments were what success has attended them, and what it is that the opposers of those experiments have been, and now are, opposing. This was easily done, for they were compressed into three resolutions, which he (Mr. B.) had the honor, some years since, to draw up, and to submit to the Senate. They were:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to consider and report to the Senate and to the House respectively, what alterations, if any, are necessary to be made:

"1. In the value of the gold coined at the mint of the United States, so as to check the exportation of that coin and to restore it to circulation in the United States.

"2. In the laws relative to foreign coins, so as to restore the gold and silver coin of foreign nations to their former circulation within the United States.

"3. In the joint resolution of 1816, (for the better collection of the revenues,) so as to exclude all bank notes under twenty dollars from revenue payments after a given period, and to make the revenue system of the United States instrumental in the gradual suppression of the small note circulation, and the introduction of

gold and silver for the common currency of the country."

These were the experiments, first to correct the gold standard; secondly, to restore foreign coins to circulation; thirdly, to effect the gradual suppression of paper currency under twenty dollars. These were the objects; but, before we see what success has attended our exertions to accomplish them, let us see what was the actual state of the currency at that time, to wit at the veto session of 1832. It was this: Of gold, there was not a single piece in circulation; of silver there was, according to the estimate of a Senator from Massachusetts, (Mr. Webster,) speaking on data furnished by the Bank of the United States, "from twenty to twenty-two millions of dollars;" and of bank notes there was a general deluge of the smallest denominations, down to one dollar. This was the state of the currency in 1832, when General Jackson and his friends undertook to improve its condition. Now for the result of their labors. Of gold, the circulation had been created, from nothing, to twelve or fifteen millions of dollars, and the standard adopted by us has been found to be so precisely accurate that the premium on American gold and American silver is now exactly the same! Our silver has been increased till it amounts, with the gold, to upwards of eighty millions of dollars; and the small note circulation under twenty dollars was in a course of gradual suppression in every State in which the political friends of General Jackson were in the majority. This was the state of the experiment in May last, when all the banks in the Union suddenly closed their vaults, and have remained closed ever since. They all closed, though all could not have desired to do so; and which did not, and which did, will be as distinctly seen in the division on the impending question of resumption, as if it had been openly declared at the time the banks shut up.

To show the merit of the reform in the currency effected by General Jackson and his friends, Mr. B. had recourse to another test, that of the exports and imports of specie; and he read a table which he had obtained from the Treasury Department. It only went back to the year 1821, which was the earliest date that could be obtained; and from that time until 1832, the year to the veto on the United States Bank's charter, the results stood thus:

	Imports.	Exports.
1821	\$8,064,590	\$10,478,059
1822	3,369,846	10,810,189
1823	5,097,896	6,372,987
1824	8,379,835	7,014,582
1825	6,150,765	8,797,055
1826	6,880,960	4,704,553
1827	8,152,130	8,014,880
1828	7,489,741	8,243,476
1829	7,403,612	4,924,020
1830	8,155,964	2,178,772
1831	7,305,945	9,014,931
1832	5,907,504	5,656,340

This presents a period of twelve years of imports and exports; and these twelve years cover that precise portion of the existence of the Bank of the United States which is celebrated by its friends as the *ne plus ultra* of perfection; and what was the result? Why, that our exports of specie exceeded our imports; that our exports amounted to the enormous sum of \$85,280,368, while our imports amounted to \$83,356,662; and that the effect of this exportation was to leave the country with no more than twenty or twenty-two millions of specie to sustain all its banking and all its commercial operations!

In the year 1832, the year of the veto message, General Jackson and his friends commenced their efforts to improve the currency; and the result is shown in this table:

	Imports.	Exports.
1833	\$7,070,378	\$2,614,952
1834	17,911,632	1,676,258
1835	13,131,447	5,748,174
1836	12,166,372	4,435,815
1837	10,954,432	6,714,990

Behold the difference, said Mr. B. Here in the short space of five years, we have an import of upwards of sixty-two millions; an export of almost nothing. Making an allowance for the gold coined at the mint, the specie brought in by passengers, and not registered at the custom-houses, and the actual increase of specie for the last five years, averages twelve millions per annum; and this great increase has been the salvation of the country, and enabled it to ride out the storm of the present bank suspension, and to triumph over it; for complete and proud will be the triumph of the country over the diabolical design to impose upon it a broken bank paper, and *skin-plaster* currency! If there had been no more specie in the country in May last, than there was at the time of the veto message in 1832, the country would have been crushed! But eighty millions, instead of twenty, has saved the country; and shown that it is able to stand the shock of a universal suspension of specie payments by the banks. Such is the strength of General Jackson's policy—so wisely is it founded in correct principles that even in this year of bank suspensions, and in defiance of all attempts to drive specie from circulation of this trash, and to resist all measures to restore the constitutional currency. We need eleven millions, and an export of only six millions and three quarters; and we are now ready to begin another year, with the double advantage of the foreign exchanges in our favor, and the whole of last year's crop just ready to go to market. The imports of specie for this year must then be immense, probably as great as they were the year after the panic, when they amounted to near eighteen millions reported at the customs besides several millions brought by emigrants, and not reported. Such is the fruit of General Jackson's policy; and if

that policy can be continued a few years longer, our stock of gold and silver will continue to increase until every part of the Union, like Holland and France, is saturated with the precious metals, and until the most undaunted advocate for *skin-plasters* and broken bank notes will be forced to admit that there is no necessity for such vile and filthy substitutes for specie.

Mr. B. contrasted the five years' result of General Jackson's experiments with the preceding twelve years' regulation of the currency by the Bank of the United States. The difference was, a LOSS of two millions of specie in the twelve years of bank, and a GAIN of sixty millions in the five years of General Jackson's experiment. This was the difference; and this difference shows, that if the experiment had only begun a few days sooner, we should now have had as much gold and silver as the business of the whole Union could possibly employ; and if it can now be continued a few years longer, we shall soon have as much as can possibly be used. Look at the imports! they are always large. They are the natural effect of the exportation of our annual crop of one hundred millions worth of cotton, tobacco, rice, and other articles. These have brought, are bringing, and will continue to bring, annually, eight, ten, fifteen, eighteen millions of dollars, to say nothing of what is brought by emigrants. If the experiment continues, the mass of these annual imports will remain in the country until the country is saturated with specie; then the surplus will overflow of itself. But if the enemies of the experiment succeed, and especially if they old policy of the Bank of the United States, will prevail. Exportation of specie will be the order of the day! The states again from 1817 to 1832. The whole will go to England. Exports will be made to exceed imports; and at the end of some years we shall be brought back to that wretched period of 1832, with from "twenty to twenty-two millions of specie;" and the whole business of the country—crops, commerce, exchanges, real and personal property, stocks, and every Government, State and Federal—the prey of the Bank of the United States.

Having shown that the specie in the country was increased from 1832 to 1837, from twenty millions to eighty millions, Mr. B. wished the friends of the non-resumption banks to reconcile an apparent contradiction. It was this: that while only twenty millions of specie in 1832, they held the currency to be the soundest, safest, and finest upon earth! and now, with eighty millions of specie in the country, they hold the country to be utterly ruined, and totally unable to raise pecuniary and necessities to carry to the post office or to the market! This was a contradiction which he wished to see reconciled; and until it was reconciled, he must be permitted to believe that, as eighty millions is four times greater than twenty millions, so is the country this day four times more able to pay specie in 1837 than it was in 1832.

Mr. B. said the policy of General Jackson would succeed. It was right in itself, and would succeed. It might be frustrated temporarily by a combination of banks, and was now frustrated by them; but there were good banks and bad banks in the country, and a division would take place among them; and in that division every bank and every political party will take its own station. Gold and silver, now four times more abundant in the United States than they were five years ago, will continue to increase; the public determination to have them will increase just in the proportion to the efforts to deprive the country of them; destruction of *skin-plasters* and broken bank notes will increase in proportion to the efforts to continue them in circulation; and, eventually, the day of recoil, of revulsion, must come. *Skin-plasters* will be put down, no matter who cherishes them; banks will have to resume or die, no matter who opposes the resumption; gold will come into circulation, no matter who hates gold; hard money will be the common currency of the country, no matter who wishes the contrary; a pestiferous issue of small bank notes under twenty dollars, will be suppressed, no matter who is for small notes; banks will be made responsible for their debts, no matter who is for irresponsibility. These things will come to pass, not because this man or that man says so, but because they are right in themselves; and what is right in itself will eventually succeed in every moral and intelligent community. Yes! "the experiment" has increased our specie, in five years from twenty millions to eighty millions; it is now increasing it at the rate of many millions per annum; it will continue to increase until the whole country is filled with gold and silver, until the quantity is so great that resistance can no longer be made to its circulation; and then broken bank paper, *skin-plasters*, and all their friends and supporters, will sink together. These things will happen, they will come to pass, but not without contest and arduous struggling. Great will be the effort to keep up the broken bank and *skin-plaster* system—an effort doubly directed to force the measures to restore the constitutional currency. We see this circulation forced and pushed every where; we see all attempts to check it universally and systematically opposed. In the New York convention of banks, in the Congress of the United States, in the State Legislatures, it is all the same thing, and by the same party. Opposition! opposition! opposition! to all the measures in place of those opposed, to coerce the resumption. This opposition is made by the Bank of the United States and its friends. That institution and its friends now stand as the SOLE OBSTACLES to the

resumption of specie payments. They struggle against the public good, and against the swelling tide of public opinion. But this unnatural struggle will cease; it will cease under the accumulated masses of gold and silver which "the experiments" has brought, is bringing, and will continue to bring, into this bank-ridden and *skin-plastered* nation.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

Paris, January 9, 1838.

Mr. FLETCHER. Our readers will probably feel little interest in the question of variety agitated between gentlemen and some of his friends, some account of which we have heretofore published for the purpose of showing the manner in which federal electioneering matter is got up, and how much reliance is to be placed in the partisan assertions even of the most respectable of that class of politicians. We should not have alluded to the subject again were it not that our opponents might think we did the gentleman in question injustice in not stating that he had published a defence of his conduct in which he appears to have adopted the advice of some of his political friends, that his strict course was to stick to his first lie. He now asserts that his speech was substantially true, and of course takes back his confessions on the floor of the House, and many of the statements contained in that speech were incorrect. The journals of the House show that many of the assertions contained in his speech were untrue, and he dared not deny it. The fact does not admit of dispute. He denies that he revised or corrected his speech for the press, but he admits that he read it after its publication, and circulated it. The additional infamy of having corrected and revised it before publication, if there be any, would not materially affect his reputation. The Atlas has consented to share with him in his disgrace, and now takes back all it has said against him and admits that he did not revise the speech for publication. This whether it be true or false will not injure the reputation of that paper. It stated what was not true in the first place or does so now. Some appear to think that its present course is taken with a view to help Mr. Fletcher from his difficulty, but the more probable cause is that it felt jealous of the reputation he was acquiring, and was fearful of losing the truth it has heretofore held in publication. We admit that it is in some danger.

We lay before our readers the doings of the Legislature as far as they have come to hand. It was well understood that there was a decided federal majority in the House, and its organization manifested it. The report of the Committee appointed to count the votes for Governor, we have not yet seen. It is rumored that, if all the votes returned are counted, Mr. Kent will have between two and three hundred majority. Our readers must wait until next week for his speech. A wish to keep our readers informed of the sayings and doings of the Legislature will exclude from our columns, much of the miscellaneous matter, which we have heretofore furnished. We trust this will be satisfactory to our readers as all ought to feel an interest in what their servants are doing, and to read the measures proposed by them to whom the business of legislation is confided.

Legislature of Maine.

IN SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, 1838.

The Senate, at 10 o'clock, was called to order by Mr. SUTTER of Cumberland, and on his motion Mr. BOUTELLE of Kennebec was called to the chair.

The following Senators were present: 1st District, Levi J. Ham, Samuel Mildram, Stephen Woodman Jr. 2d, Rufus Soule, Nathan L. Woodbury, Roscoe G. Greene, Nathaniel S. Littlefield. 3d, Benjamin Randall, Johnson Jaques, Lucius Barnard, Edward Robinson. 4th, Timothy Boutelle, Hiram Belcher, John T. P. Dumont. 5th, Samuel S. Heagan, Jesse Smart. 6th, Sewall Lake. 7th, Thomas Robinson. 8th, No choice. 9th, Daniel Emery, Eben Higgins. 10th, Daniel Steward Jr., Cyrus Fletcher. 11th, Job Prince, Edward L. Osgood.

On motion of Mr. EMERY of Penobscot, a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Emery, Greene of Cumberland, and Steward of Somerset, to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of Senators is present and ready to be qualified according to the provisions of the constitution. The committee having performed the duty, reported accordingly, and in a few minutes the Governor and Council came in and administered the oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. HAM of York, Ordered, That Messrs. Ham, Higgins of Penobscot and Belcher of Kennebec, be a committee to examine, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate, for the current political year.—The committee reported the whole number of votes to be

Necessity to a choice	24
Nathaniel S. Littlefield has	18
Timothy Boutelle	13
Lucius Barnard	9
Rufus Soule	1
Mr. LITTLEFIELD addressed the Senate as follows:	

Mr. Chairman—"To thank the members of this board for this manifestation of their kindness towards me is but a feeble expression of the feelings which agitate me on this occasion. When I reflect that with a single exception, I am the youngest member of the present Senate, and that in point of legislative knowledge and experience I am so far behind many of the members I see around me, I almost shrink from the attempt to perform the duties of the station your partially has assigned me.

But, gentlemen, relying at all times on the friendly aid and assistance of each and every one of you, and begging you to throw the mantle of charity over the errors I shall commit in the discharge of my duty, I accept the office you have assigned me, and will discharge to the best of my abilities its responsible duties. We are selected by our constituents to per-

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PROCLAM.

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On motion of Mr. Paine of Hallowell, a com-
mittee of seven was appointed by the chair,
consisting of Messrs Paine of Hallowell, Paris
of Buckfield, Buxton of N. Yarmouth, Books
of York, McCall of Belfast, Doane of Or-
rington, and Tenny of Northwood, to receive
the credentials of members present, ascertain
if there was a quorum present, an report to
the Convention. The committee having at-
tended to that duty reported that 93 were ne-
cessary to a quorum, and that 177 appeared to
be entitled to a seat, and their report was ac-
cepted.

Mr. Lyman of Portland was appointed to
inform the Governor that a quorum of members
elect was assembled, and ready to take the
oaths of office, whereupon the Governor came
attended by the Sheriff of Kennebec, Council,
and heads of the Executive Department, and
administered the usual oaths and affirmations to
the members elect.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon of Gardiner, a
committee of 5, consisting of Messrs Sheldon
of Gardiner, Goodenow of Paris, Webster of
Orono, Levensler of Thomaston, McLellan
of Eastport, was appointed to receive sort and
count the votes for Clerk; and having attend-
ed to that duty, reported that the whole number
of votes was 183

Necessary to a choice 92
Geo. C. GERRARD, of Anson, has 93
Charles Waterhouse 85
Elisha H Allen 5

Whereupon Mr. Gerrard was declared duly
elected Clerk of the House of Representatives
for the current political year, who signified his
acceptance, and having been duly qualified by
taking the oaths required by law, which were
administered by Mr. Child of Augusta, he en-
tered on the discharge of the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Norton of Canaan, a com-
mittee of 5, consisting of Messrs Norton, Paine
of Sandford, Lyman of Portland, Hubbard of
Wiscasset, and Howe of Mexico, was appointed
to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker,
and having attended to that duty reported that
the whole number of votes was 182

Necessary to a choice 92
Elisha H. ALLEN of Bangor has 100
Hannibal Hamlin of Hampden 82
J. D. Paine of Sanford 1

Mr. Allen was therefore declared elected, and
signified his acceptance of the office in the fol-
lowing terms: *Gentlemen of the House of
Representatives:*

For this distinguished expression of your
confidence I tender you my most respectful
thanks. I should, however, hesitate to under-
take the responsible duty of presiding over your
deliberations, did I not feel that I could con-
fidently rely upon your liberal and generous
support. Every member is interested in the
observance of the rules and order of the House,
for without it you cannot impart either efficiency
or respect to your deliberative proceedings.

You have high and noble duties to perform.
Our State is gifted in its resources, and its des-
tiny will be strongly influenced by its legisla-
ture. I need not assure you that my best ser-
vices are at your command. My earnest hope
is that this session may be distinguished for its
harmony and attention to the best interests of
the people.

The House then adj. to 3 P. M.

From the New York Daily Express.
**THE OUTBREAK IN LOWER
CANADA.**

BURLINGTON, 12th Dec. 1837.
The Revolution in Canada was commenced
by Government, and not by the Patriots. The
latter were making no preparation, whatever.
We know that an outbreaking of popular excite-
ment could not be long delayed; but no three
men even had ever put their heads together to
arrange any plan. The exuberance of impa-
tient Tory rage was the first to explode. It
commenced its full exhibition on the 6th of
November—the day of the meeting of the Sons
of Liberty. Immediately, what were called
prompt measures were adopted—which means
that the Attorney General was directed to

procure hard swearing, enough, or so to twist
testimony, as to enable him to commit to prison
every leading patriot upon a charge that would
not admit of bail. In consequence, warrants
were issued: and as each individual heard that
one was coming against him, he put himself
out of the way for a few days, as he thought
The States, being near, was the place of resort;
and, to the surprise of themselves, nearly one
hundred Canadians of influence found them-
selves, within a few days, collected on the
borders of Vermont and New York. The
same cause brought them all away; but scarcely
one had communication with his neighbor pre-
vious to leaving. Dr. Nelson, of St. Denis, a
bold, brave, energetic, decided man, took a
more resolute stand. He told the people of
this village that he would remain with them
while they would remain with him. Mr. Brown
did not leave his house in Montreal until fifteen
minutes before the bailiffs were after him. He
also left with the intention of going to the States,
but in going the country people he found them
all ardent for action, and only lamenting want
of leaders to call them out. Finding this feeling
general, he directed his course to St. Charles,
on the right bank of the river Richelieu, about
30 miles below St. Johns, and about the same
distance from Montreal. With the inhabitants
of the place he was personally unacquainted,
but upon announcing his design of forming a
camp the utmost readiness was displayed, and
immediately the camp was formed. The pro-
ceedings at St. Charles and St. Denis are de-
tailed elsewhere. Two brigades of British
regulars had been driven back on Montreal
and a third had arrived within nine miles of St.
Denis. The Patriot force assembled was not
sufficient to offer a complete resistance to this,
and consequently Mr. Brown and Dr. Nelson
decided upon discontinuing operations for the
moment. They could easily have maintained
themselves in the district through the winter,
but there was no organized force elsewhere,
and in consequence, the whole force of the go-
vernment would be directed against one district.
In conducting a guerilla warfare, the patriots
would have been compelled to change positions
often, while the British Goths and Vandals
would have burned the barns and houses of the
innocent, and butchered and violated the de-
fenceless. The American savage is honorable
and merciful in warfare, compared to the
European soldier, led by European command-
ers, and controlled supremely by the bloodiness
of Provincial Tory counsel.

Upon these considerations the commanders
told the people retire home and arrange their
private affairs until winter set in, and that in the
meantime they would seek the other chiefs of
the party to organize a provisional government,
decide upon the plans to be adopted, and pre-
pare for the entire rising of the province.

The revolution of Canada has therefore, we
may say, not commenced. The resolution of
two men has shown how easy a matter the over-
turning of British power may be made. The
Canadians have proved that they are not only
willing and ready to fight, but able to beat the
British. The people of Canada are ready to
fight. I have gone intimately from farm house
to farm house. They have for nearly a year,
taken a better common sense view than their
leaders. All these resolutions and speeches,
and public meetings, say they, are very good;
but after all we shall never obtain redress till we
fight for it, and the sooner we begin the better.
Every Canadian farmer about Montreal, ex-
pects to fight. It requires nothing from the
influential men but to return to their localities,
where by one whistle, each may collect his fol-
low parishioners around him. They will turn
out unarmed, rather than be considered charge-
able with a want of zeal. The means of carry-
ing on winter's campaign in Canada, are abun-
dant, because every man expects to, and is
willing to, make a sacrifice to any extent to
support the expense. At this moment there is
no embodied patriotic force in Canada, but
though not soldiers in barracks, the people are
soldiers in their own houses, and can be col-
lected almost as soon as if in barracks. "Thro'-
out the northern part of Vermont and New
York, enthusiasm is at its height in favor of the
patriots. The people know that the eternal
peace on earth of themselves and their property,
depends upon the expulsion of European power
from the long frontier that hangs over them on
the north.

CANADIAN AFFAIRS. We have items of in-
telligence from the Canadas sufficient to fill col-
umns, but contradiction follows so closely on
assertion, and their whole complexion is so
much distorted by partisan feeling, that we have
not thought it worth while to attempt any con-
densation, to bring them within the limits of our
paper.

In Lower Canada, the attempt at Revolution
is virtually subdued. In Upper Canada, the
revolutionary movements have not been follow-
ed by success, and the leading feature of inter-
est is the occupation of Navy Island by a large
party of Volunteers from the United States, un-
der Mr. McKenzie, the revolutionary patriot of
Upper Canada, aided by Gen Van Rensselaer
of Albany. They made a stand on the 15th
and raised the flag of Liberty. Navy Island
lies below Grand Island, just above the village
of Chippewa; it belongs to Canada, and con-
tains about 360 acres. A correspondent of the
N. Y. Journal of Commerce, writing under
date Dec. 18th, says:

"As a place of security and defence it is a-
bout equal to the fortress of Gibraltar. I have
this day been to Navy Island, and spent most
of the day there. I had an interview with Mr.
McKenzie, Van Rensselaer and others, and found
that they had organized a provisional Govern-
ment, published a proclamation, and were pre-

paring vigorously for a military campaign.—
They have already on the island several hun-
dred volunteers, 5 pieces of cannon, 500 stand
of arms with bayonets, 100 rifles, and plenty
of ammunition and all kinds of food. All are
in fine spirits, and scores of ships are joining
them every day, both from this side and from
Canada. They are throwing up breast works,
drilling the soldiers, and making all necessary
preparations for defence. But the other party
will never be so lulled, as to attack them
there; 500 men on that island could keep off
and destroy 10,000. McKenzie's plan is, as
soon as he collects a couple of thousand or so,
to march into Canada and take Niagara, Hamil-
ton, Toronto, &c.

From the Boston Atlas.
**Important news from the Niagara Frontier—
Outrageous aggression of British Royalists—
Slaughter of Twenty-Three American
Citizens!!!**

The intelligence presented in the subjoined account
from the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, of Saturday
last, is truly of a most startling nature. The royalists
of Upper Canada have at last been guilty of an outrage
upon the citizens of our frontier, which threatens the
most portentous consequences. The neutrality of the
frontier has been violated in the most atrocious manner.
Citizens of the United States, peaceably collected in a
steamer on the waters of the United States, have been
attacked & murdered by the troops of the English Gov-
ernment, with a barbarity at which common humanity
recoils! A flame has been lighted, whose progress of
destruction may not speedily be stayed. A spirit has been
kindled among the freemen of the frontier which we
fear will overlook all restrictions in its irresistible
outbreak.

The town of Schlosser, on the American side, which
was the scene of the transactions recorded below, is nearly
opposite Chippewa, with Navy Island lying nearly be-
tween the two places. It will be seen that many of the
unfortunate persons on board the boat, were obliged to
sleep there, because the public houses were full.

The most intense public agitation appears to have been
produced at Buffalo by this astounding intelligence.—
The Advertiser of that place states that public indigna-
tion had reached a fearful pitch. There was but one opi-
nion felt or expressed. The awful fate of the passen-
gers on board the Caroline filled every eye with astonish-
ment and horror. The following is the account as it
appears in the Buffalo paper.

**STEAMBOAT CAROLINE BURNED—TWENTY-
THREE LIVES LOST!!!**

8 o'clock, A. M. Capt. Keeler, of the sloop, Agnes
Barton, and F. Simmons, of this city, have just brought
news by express from Schlosser, of an attack made this
morning upon the steamboat Caroline, lying at that place
as usual, in the afternoon of the boat, and with the
DEATH OF TWENTY-TWO of her crew—only 12
escaped.

It is stated that the attack was made about two o'clock
by five boats of armed royalists, containing from 100 to
150 men, who guarded the gunways, and "no quarter!"
Capt. Appleby, of the Constitution, who went down
as pilot of the Caroline yesterday morning, escaped with
his life. He received a flesh wound and was pursued
into the storehouse adjoining. A Mr. Dorsey, lately be-
longing to the Sloop office at the Eagle, in this city,
was on the deck with his brains blown out.

The Caroline was then set on fire, and finally drifted
out into the current, and went over the Falls.

We give the above just as it was received, without
venueing or any of the particulars. It may be proper to
add, however, that Capt. Keeler, as we are informed,
saw the results of the scene above described.

An Express has been started to ascertain fully the facts
Further Particulars of the Capture of the Caroline.—
The twelve o'clock express confirms the news of this
morning. It is said that the Caroline was filled with
visitors and not soldiers. The word with the loyalists
was, "No prisoners!—no quarter!" Those who attempt-
ed to escape were killed, with a few exceptions—the
boat was set on fire, and with the remainder of the crew
the current on the Canada side, which soon carried her
over the Falls. The loyalists gave three cheers for Victo-
ry, and under cover of the darkness, it is supposed, es-
caped the fire opened upon them from the island. Those
on the boat slept there, because the public houses
were full.

Capt. Harding, of the brig Indiana, escaped with a se-
vere wound on the head; only one man was found on
the shore, the one above mentioned; the rest reported
missing—there is little doubt but they went over the
Falls with the burning steamer.

The Buffalo Advertiser of Saturday says—"Nothing is
heard or talked of here to day, save the destruction of the
Caroline. Public indignation at this act, has reached a
fearful pitch. There is but one opinion felt or expressed.
The awful fate of her crew fills every eye with astonish-
ment and horror. The preceding Mayor has issued a
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